the nostrils are small, and the forehead but little expanded between them.

The genus *Bathyergus* contains but a single species, the Cape Mole-Kat, which is found in Southern Africa ; it is of moderate size, not exceeding a small Rabbit in dimensions. On the fore-limbs are exceedingly long claws, of which that borne by the second finger is the longest, and the claw of the thumb the shortest. The hind-feet have by no means such long claws. The scratching and burrowing is naturally chiefly effected by the fore-limbs. The small and large intestines are of equal length, and each is rather more than six times the length of the caecum.; in these measurements the present genus differs from the next.

GreorJtycfous, — Of this African genus there are about ten species. The claws are not so long as in the last genus, but there ar^, as in *Sathyergus,* four molar teeth on each half of each jaw. The intestinal measurements In an example of 6r. *capensis* were: small intestine, 2 5 inches; caecum, 4 inches; large intestine, 15 inches.

The genus *Myosccdops* or *Helipkobius* (also with an African range) has six back teeth on each side. A number of species sometimes referred to the last genus are placed here by Mr. Thomas. The claws are small.

One of the most remarkable genera of this family is the little *HeterocepJialus* from Abyssinia and Somaliland. As Mr. Thomas justly remarks,[1] it<e is a peculiar-looking little creature, about the size of the Common Mouse, but looking almost more like a tiny hairless puppy on account of its nearly naked skin, small eyes, and peculiar physiognomy." Though apparently naked, there are numerous scattered hairs over the entire body, and the toes are fringed with stimsh hairs, which must be advantageous to a burrowing animal. There are two species, *If. glaber* (originally described by Buppell), and *H. p7iilUpsii>* of which our knowledge is due to Mr. Thomas. The length of the entire creature in-cluding the tail is not more than 134 mm., both species being approximately of the same dimensions. Mr. Ix>rt Phillips, the

discoverer of the species which bears his name, writes " that this little creature, called ' Farumfer * by the Somali, throws up In places groups of - miniature craters, which exactly resemble volcanoes in active eruption. "When, the little beasts were at

[1] **"Notes on the Hodent genus *Hateroce$Jia,lus₃" Proc. Zfo&l. <Soc« 1885, p. 84.5.**